

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD  
APRIL 29, 2013**

The Special Meeting of the Utility Service Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall in Jasper at 4:00 PM on Monday, April 29, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Schuetter.

**UPON CALL OF THE ROLL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:**

Wayne Schuetter – Chairman  
Rick Stradtner – Vice Chairman  
Doug Schulte – Secretary  
Ken Sendelweck – Electric Commissioner  
Alex Emmons – Wastewater Commissioner  
Dave Hurst – Water Commissioner  
Keith Masterson – Gas Commissioner

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Renee Kabrick – City Attorney  
Ashley Kiefer – Office Manager

**ABSENT:**

Jerry Schitter – Electric Distribution Manager  
Windell Toby – Electric Generation Manager  
Michael A. Oeding – Gas & Water Manager  
Ed Hollinden – Wastewater Manager  
Bud Hauersperger – General Manager

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (DVD-01:04)

Chairman Wayne Schuetter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BID OPENING: 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT** (DVD-01:22)

Chairman Wayne Schuetter said the purpose of the meeting is to open bids for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Water Main Replacement Project. He gave a brief overview on the project to date. He said this meeting date was set up because the City expected to hear back from EDA on the grant application in April. He said the City still has not received any word from EDA on the grant application that was submitted. Schuetter said the delay is that EDA still has not received their funding from the federal government, so they are unable to make any grant awards until they are notified of their funding.

Schuetter said that EDA met on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the grant applications they had received and had prioritized them, but there is no way for the City to know how high on the list they are.

Chairman Schuetter asked the Board if they wanted to return the bids that were submitted today until the City hears back from EDA about the grant application. The EDA should contact the City about the application by May 10<sup>th</sup>. Schuetter said the wages set at the Wage Determination hearing on February 7<sup>th</sup> are set to expire on May 7<sup>th</sup>. If the City does **not** receive the grant, another Wage Determination hearing would be needed to set wages again for this project and to also put out another request to get bids submitted for the project.

Schuetter said if the Board decides to open the bids today and start moving on this project, it will take the City out of the running for the grant.

Alex Emmons made a motion to continue pursuing the grant from EDA for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Water Main Replacement project. Rick Stradtner seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Lisa Gehlhausen, from Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, reiterated that EDA had met on April 10<sup>th</sup> and prioritized all of the grant applications, but there is no way to tell where the City falls on that list. Gehlhausen said EDA has no idea on how the money will be allocated to them from the federal government. EDA will find out by May 10<sup>th</sup> what their funding allocation will be. So, Gehlhausen does expect to hear something from EDA by the middle of May on the City's grant application.

The next regular Utility Service Board meeting is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>. Gehlhausen said by that time EDA should notify the City of a grant award, send a non-binding commitment letter, send another carry forward letter, or a denial.

Chairman Schuetter said the City needs to have EDA's decision before July, so the costs for the project can be taken into account at the budget hearings. The motion to continue pursuing the grant was approved, 7-0.

Chairman Schuetter said the Board's next action should be to address the bids that were received today. Thereafter, Keith Masterson made a motion to return the bids to the contractors unopened. Dave Hurst seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0. Chairman Schuetter thanked all the contractors for their bids and for their understanding in this process.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15PM upon motion by Alex Emmons and seconded by Doug Schulte. Motion approved, 7-0.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with   X   without corrections this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Chairman